



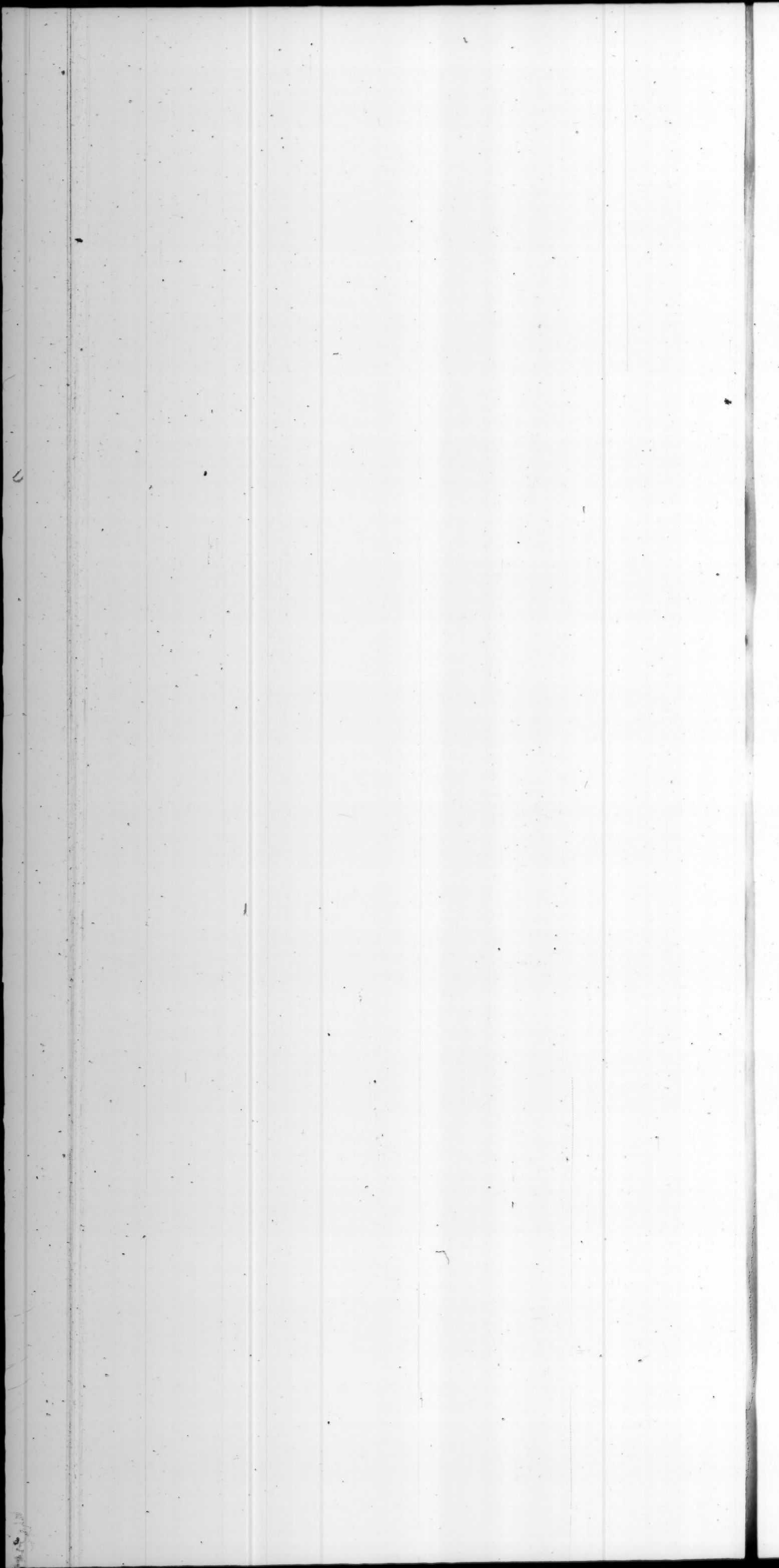
By the King.

## A Proclamation concerning Tynne.



Whereas for the well ordering of the Tynne of this Our Realme of England, diuers and sundry good Customes, Lawes, and Ordinances haue beene heretofore vsed, made, and established, by the wisdom of former times, amongst which there hath beene ever speciall care and provision, that all the said Tynne should be duely brought to certaine places of Coynage, and there tryed and assayed and peyzed at certaine Ballances, and by weight vsed for that purpose, and by a Stampe or Marke ordained for that purpose, sealed and allowed before the same bee put to sale within the Land, or offered to bee Shipped for Forreigne vent. And to that end also Our noble Progenitors haue beene at charge to erect and maintaine certaine Coynage houses in seuerall Townes within Our Counties of Deuon and Cornwall, lying most commodious for the said Coynage, with Ballances and weights there, and Officers and Ministers attending that seruice. At which places at certaine dayes of Coynage and post-Coynage appointed, speciall Officers of the Stannaries doe, and haue beene wont duely to attend, to receiue, try, assay, peyze, coyne, scale and allow the said Tynne, by setting a Marke, Seale, or Stampe vpon the same.

By which meanes both wee and Our Progenitors were secured of the emption or pre-emption and Coynage duties of the said Tynne, being ancient and vndoubted hereditarie





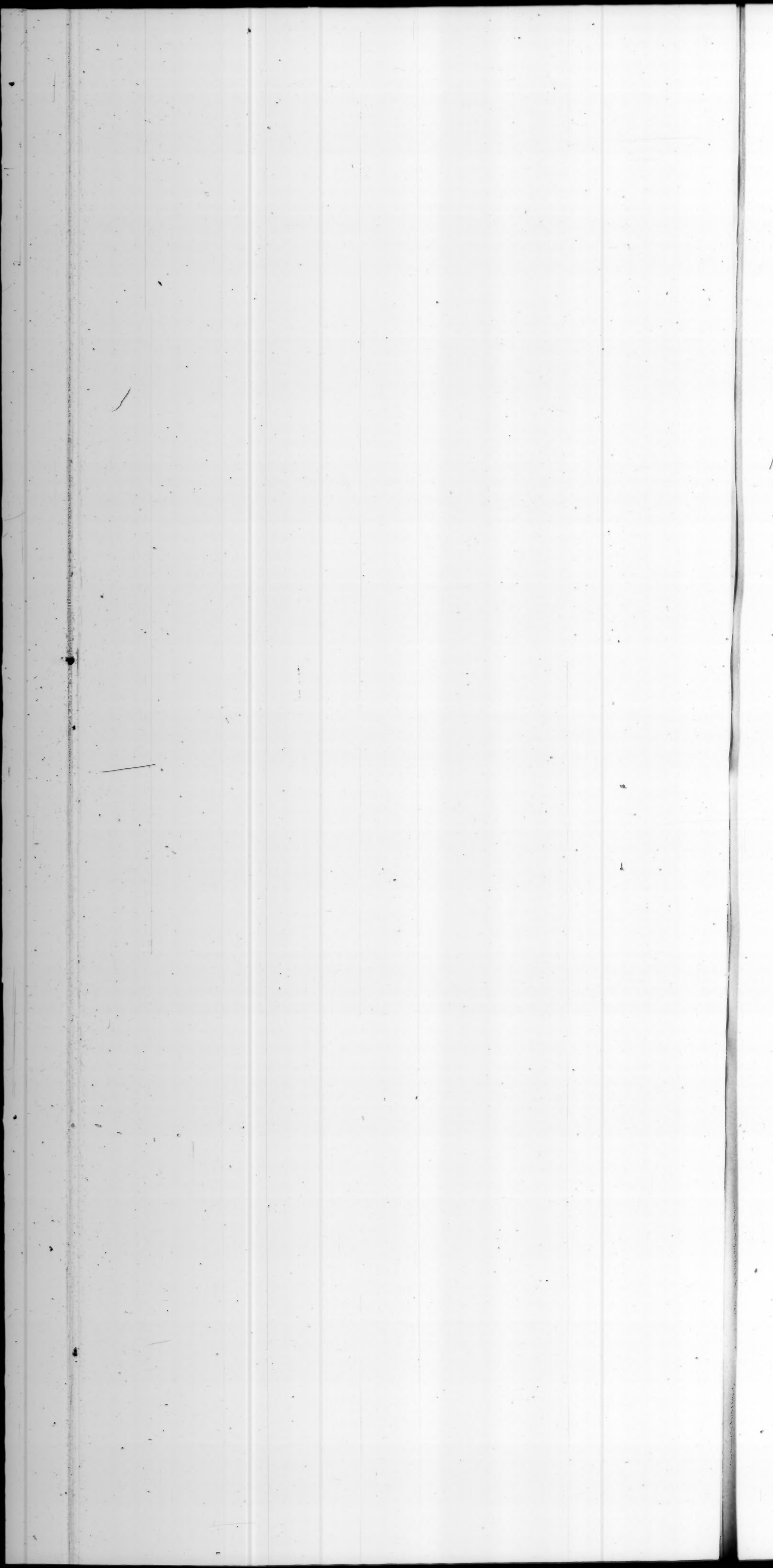
Reuenues annexed to Our Crowne in right of Our Duchie of Cornwall, and also the Tynne had his iust and true assay, according to the goodnesse and richnesse of it, that neither Our owne Subjects nor others might be defrauded in the buying of the same, nor yet the Subject hindered by any vnnecessary delay in the lawfull Trading and Merchandizing thereof.

And whereas out of a Princely care to cherish and maintaine the Trade and working of such a worthie and Staple Commoditie, of so much honour and profit to this Commonwealth, Our deare Father (of blessed memorie) did not long since take order to allow a greater price for the working and making thereof then euer was giuen before, which we haue hitherto continued.

And Our said late Father in his life time by sad aduice, did settle the Tynne businesse in a more orderly and better course then euer before it was, aswell for the benefit of Us, being then Prince, as for the contentment and satisfaction of Our louing Subjects, the Merchants and Pewterers of London and other places.

Yet neuerthelesse we are informed, That by the secret practice and combination of sundry ill minded and conetous owners and workemen of the said Tynne and Tynne works, a great part of the said Tynne hath bene heere tofore, and daily is bought and sold, receiued, deliuered, and carried away vncoyned, aswell in Ships and other Vessells, which vnder colour of coming to buy Cornish Slate and Stone and such like occasions, vpon the coast of Cornwall, doe imbezill much vncoyned Tynne in Blockes, as also by Mariners and Seafaring men, who buy by the Tynne in Barres, commonly called Pocket Tynne, of Blowers and Melters of Tynne and others, contrary to the ancient Ordinances of Our Stannaries aforesaid, to Our prejudice and wrong in Our said Reuenue, and the disgracing of Our said Commoditie and abuse of Our Subjects buying the same vntried and not assayed.

In respect whereof, as wee might most iustly extend the rigour of Our Lawes against sundry offenders notoriously faultie in this behalfe, both against the Law and Custome of the Realme and of the Stannaries, and against Our late deare Fathers Proclamation, which in Our naturall inclination to mercy wee haue forborne; So wee cannot in Our Princely care of the Commonwealth and Our owne right, but prouide for redresse and reformation of these great disorders for the time to come; And finding that the Proclamation made by Our deare deceased Father, hath not wrought that good effect that was expected, we therefore doe by these presents straitely charge and command, aswell all and singular Our louing Subjects, as all other person and persons whatsoeuer, that none of them presume, vpon any colour, shift, or pretence whatsoeuer, at any time or times heereafter, to utter, sell, deliuer, or put to sale, or to receiue, ship, carry, land, or contract for any Blacke Tynne vnblovene, but such as cause the same to bee cast, melted downe, and blovene and brought to the place of Coynage, before it be sold for vse, nor to sell, giue, barter, or utter any White Tynne, or Cast Tynne





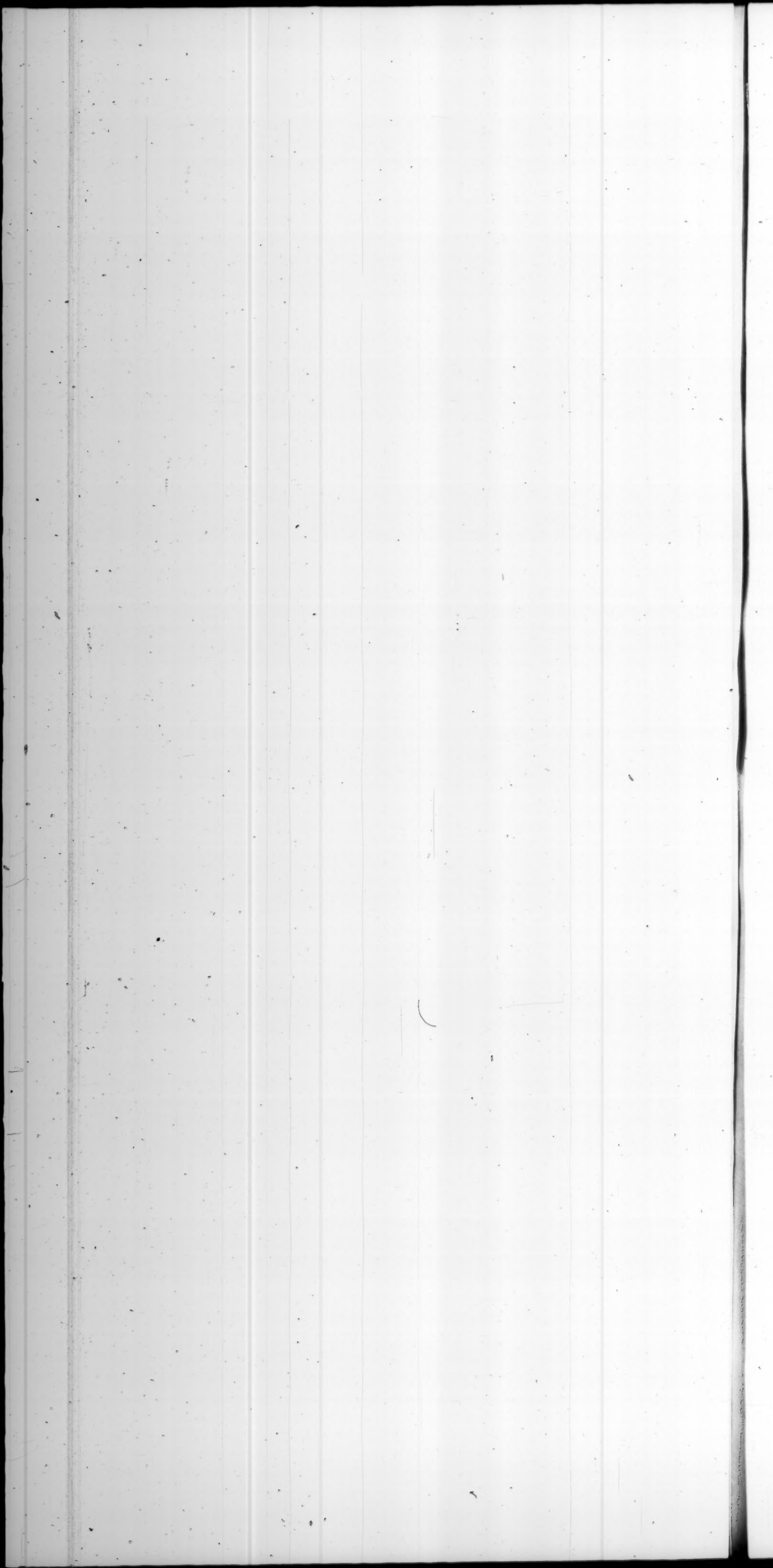
before it bee first Coynd and Stamped With Our Seale or Marke appointed for that purpose, as aforesaid, vpon paine of forfeiture aswell of the said Tynne, and other condigne punishment in case of land carriage, as also of confiscation of the Ships, Hyses, Barques, Lighters, and other Vessells wherein any such prohibited Tynne shall bee shipped or laden for transportation contrary to the intendment of this Our Proclamation, and also vpon paine of Our high displeasure, and of such further penalties, forfeitures, and punishments in both cases, as by the Statutes and Ordinances of Our said Stannaries, or any other Law or Statute whatsoever, or by the censure of Our high Court of Starre-Chamber, for disobeying this Our Royall Commandement and Injunction, or otherwise may bee inflicted vpon the offenders in this behalfe.

Giuing all Our louing Subiects to know, that any toleration or forbearance for the time past shall bee so farre from iustifying or warranting the like abuses to bee continued in time to come, as contrary wile it shall aggrauate the fault thereof in respect of Our former clemencie.

And whereas wee are giuen to vnderstand, that there are certaine wandring Pettie-Chapmen, and Tinkers and others haunting much about the Tynne-Workes and places of melting of Tynne, who doe make it a vsuall Trade to buy and barter Blacke Tynne by the Bowle, and White Tynne vncoynd by the pound weight, or other small quantitie, and so doe carry the same from the said places, to certaine priuate places of receipt, till hauing gotten by this vnlawfull meanes some store together, they vent or spend the said Blacke Tynne before it be blowne, and sell the said White Tynne before it be Coynd, by sea or by land where they finde best Chapmen, to the preiudice of Us and Our louing Subiects as aforesaid:

Our Will and pleasure is, and wee straitely charge and command all and singular Our Iustices of Peace, and all the Officers and Ministers of the Stannaries, and others whom it shall or may concerne, before whom any such Tinker, Pettie-Chapman, or other person offending shall bee brought, diligently to examine and finde out, where, and of whom hee had the said prohibited Tynne White or Blacke found with him, and where and to whom hee meant or intended to sell the same, or hath heeretofore sold any other of like sort: And aswell the said Tinkers and Pettie-Chapmen, as all other persons who shall bee found priuate to the buying or selling, receiuing, deliuering, or bartering of the said Tynne Blacke or White, as aforesaid, to commit to Our Gaole of the Stannarie of that Countie where they shall bee taken, and otherwise to punish them according to the Lawes, Customes, and Ordinances of Our Stannaries, as the qualite and nature of the offence shall by the Lawes and Statutes of this Realme deserue, and for contempt of Our Royall Commandement and Proclamation in this behalfe.

And where wee haue lately granted to some of Our louing Subiects the emption or preemption of Tynne, during a terme vnerpired, and for reliefe of pooze Pewterers of the Citie





of London haue prouided, That if the said Lessees or Farmors shall be minded to transport any Tynne in Barres, they shall imploy the said Pewterers of London, or some of them that Our said Farmors shall nominate for the casting of Tynne out of Blockes into Barres, at such places as wee shall appoint, and in default of such appointment, at such places as Our said Farmors shall appoint: Sithence which time many haue presumed to cast Tynne into Barres, both in the Counties of Cornwall and Deuon and elsewhere, which is a meanes that a great part thereof is the more easily conueyed from place to place and vented before the Coynage thereof, and others then Our Farmers haue opportunitie to transport the same, contrary to Our agreements made with them: wee doe straitely inhibite all persons that none of them, other then such of the Pewterers of Our Citie of London as shall bee nominated by the Farmors of the emption or preemption of Tynne, for the time being, doe presume to cast any Tynne into Barres, and that none of them cast any Tynne into Barres but in the Citie of London, And that in the same Citie none bee so cast but in such houses and places of melting as shall bee designed or allowed of by Our sayd Farmors, vpon the paines to bee inflicted vpon contemners of Our Commands in Our Court of Starre-Chamber and otherwise.

Giuen at Our Court at Whitehall this two and twentieth day of Ianuary, in the ninth yeere of Our Reigne of ENGLAND, SCOTLAND, FRANCE, and IRELAND.

God saue the King.



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